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May 7, 1985

To FBI

From

Screening Committee

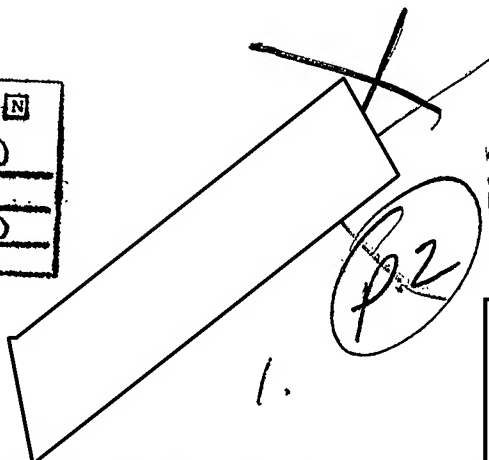
Attached please find a copy of an anonymous letter for action as you deem appropriate.

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Calumet City, IL

Dear [redacted]

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This is to inform you that your husband was ordered killed by the head of the syndicate in the Far South Suburbs named:

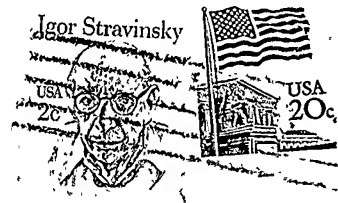
Dominick 'Tootsie' Palermo
16054 Minerva
South Holland, IL.
Telephone was 339-2305

Your husband was in the WRONG business at the WRONG time. The scavenger business is big business today with the syndicate. They rubbed your husband out and now they will be slowly taking over your husband's accounts in Calumet City and the South Suburbs. Its a shame that they did this to a nice young man who became an innocent victim because he did business in Calumet City.

DO NOT GO TO THE CALUMET CITY POLICE, the syndicate OWNS THEM LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL. I repeat, do not go to the Calumet City Police or any Politian. They own these people. The only people you should call is the United States Attorneys office in Chicago or the FBI.

Tootsie Palermo is the Head of the syndicate now that Al Pilotto is in jail, in South Suburbins. Al Tocco is in the garbage business in the South Suburbs now and is slowly acquiring Skyline Disposal's accounts.

- Order of Power:
1. Alfred Pilotto (Now in jail) Still is No. 1, Man.
 2. Dominick 'Tootsie' Palermo" (No. 1, man now that Al Pilotto is in jail. Is running the operation in the far south suburbs.
 3. Al Rosati (From Chicago Heights, hangs around with Tootsie Palermo all the time at Johns Restaurant, Calumet City, IL. This is the hang out.
 4. Nicky Guzzino - Chicago Heights, IL. Brother of Cousin of slain hoodlum Sam Guzzino.
 5. Albert Tocco
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United States Attorneys Office

c/o F. Lawrence Steele

Chicago, Illinois



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Date of transcription 11/26/84

Special Agent (SA) [redacted] met with a confidential source and he/she provided the following information in substance to response of questions asked through SA [redacted] (Gary, Indiana):

Source stated that [redacted] the East Chicago police, the Gary, Indiana people (?) as well as the Chicago mob in order to have his gambling business continue without incident above [redacted]. However, source stated that while [redacted] a few weeks ago, [redacted] stated that he had [redacted] to the [redacted] in South Chicago Heights. This meant ALBERT TOCCO as far as source was concerned. TOCCO controls everything in South Chicago Heights and source could not see anyone else even trying to make a move on TOCCO.

Source had heard [redacted] state that he had a good [redacted] at his [redacted] but source did not know if that included [redacted] place [redacted]. Source was aware of [redacted] having a two-phone bookie joint near [redacted] along with a poker and gin card game room, also [redacted].

Source recalled to SA [redacted] that [redacted] (Last Name Unknown - LNU), [redacted] that was met on [redacted] and [redacted], Chicago, the day before, had indicated to SA [redacted] and source that [redacted] actually had a [redacted] going in East Chicago as compared to [redacted] going in Summit at [redacted] located there. [redacted] had just returned from [redacted] and was to increase his take maybe to [redacted] but [redacted] LNU doubted the chances of the mob letting [redacted] getting that much.

Source did not know who FRANK ZIZZO was nor had he/she even heard the name prior to rumors floating at the bar on [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago on November 7, 1984 in the presence of SA [redacted] LNU.

Source was aware of NICK GUIZZINO being involved at [redacted] gambling business but did not know if or if not [redacted]

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[] was the [] for []

Source heard the name "TOOTSIE" from the East Chicago area but did not know or hear the name of DOMINICK PALERMO, [] or AL ROSETTI. Source was familiar with first names only and stated that he/she could place first names with photographs if given photographs of these people.

Source was aware of at least [] that visited as well as played barbooth at [] gambling house in East Chicago but was not aware of any names, i.e. [] or the []

Source was not aware of the organization of [] gambling operation. Source did know what was said to him/her from others and what [] reference the South Chicago Heights people, i.e. TOCCO.

Source related when [] came into the PANARAMA RESTAURANT in [] when SA [] was present and observed [] pay [] for [] the night before at [] gambling games. Source further related that [] at times will let himself be a collector to anyone that loses at his place and fails to make their "notes" good.

SA [] was at [] on [] when [] came into the PANORAMA RESTAURANT looking for the [] who owed [] from a previous gambling debt. The [] of the PANORAMA RESTAURANT told [] that he could come in the PANORAMA RESTAURANT anytime but if he [] the [] would [] out no matter what it would take.

Source stated that he/she was told the "all clear" sign was given to him/her by ALBERT TOCCO on [] to appear at the [] Chicago Heights, [] again for the [] and [] Source stopped in at [] Oak Lawn and saw TOCCO in one of the back rooms talking to [] of the [] business.

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Source had stated earlier, November 5, 1984 to SA [redacted] that he/she was told by [redacted] of the PITT [redacted] someone from the STEGER POLICE DEPARTMENT. When asked what he [redacted] meant by that, source was informed that the COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE had been notified [redacted] of a large gambling operation at [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois; [redacted] the Sheriff's Police were going to have the place raided. [redacted] then told source that [redacted] as was told to do earlier until further notice.

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Special Agent (SA) [] met with a confidential source and he/she provided the following information in substance:

Source stated that [] DONALD A. PRISCO, Mayor of South Chicago Heights, Illinois who has been involved in several shady dealings with ALBERT TOCCO and TOCCO'S friends. They have been frequenting the PIT, a private social club, 1615 Western Ave., Chicago Heights, Illinois. They usually never miss the Wednesday afternoon Crapps game and football betting payoffs, again on Wednesday afternoons and nights.

Source had no idea what they were going [] but had heard TOCCO and PRISCO were going to get involved in the restaurant business.

Source stated that TOCCO [] could return to the PIT as the [] on []. The "Outfit" had put a lid on any raids that would take place. There would first be a phone call to the "Outfit", who would in turn inform TOCCO. TOCCO then would inform [] the people [] the PIT, [] and []. TOCCO further related [] that the COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE was in their pockets and no raids would come without first having a "tip off" to the "Outfit."

Source stated that ALBERT TOCCO would let [] that the [] Steger Illinois know []

[] source [] Source should [] whether or not [] was a big man and more or less []

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by SA [] mes Date dictated 11/20/84

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Source provided a home phone number for [redacted] of East Chicago, Indiana of [redacted] and a second phone number of a friend to [redacted] which was [redacted] who helped [redacted] at the [redacted] in East Chicago near [redacted] at Indiana Blvd. and Chicago Ave., East Chicago. The phone number was believed to be that of [redacted] Harvey, or in that area of Illinois. The two phone numbers for the [redacted] but different from the craps game (gambling) building was [redacted] (The aforementioned booking phone numbers had been previously checked out when source first reported them to the undersigned SA).

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Date of transcription 12/10/84

Special Agent (SA) [] met with a confidential source and source provided the following information in substance:

Source stated that [] the PIT, 1615 S. Western, Chicago Heights, Illinois for [] and [] were [] at the PIT. They were apparently working for or paying "street taxes" to ALBERT TOCCO. Source was not certain just who the taxes were going to but assumed that TOCCO was getting a cut due to TOCCO'S appearance [] at the PIT.

Source stated that on [] TOCCO and his crew were at the PIT around [] This was a two-fold reason:
1) TOCCO is paid his money from [] gambling take and
2) [] was a combination of football collections/pay-offs from TOCCO for the previous weekend betting and TOCCO plays craps at the PIT on []

Source stated that the house take [] was not that big; however, it was over [] for approximately [] There were approximately 25 different persons in the PIT for the purpose of gambling. The games consisted of poker, Greek rummy and barbouth. Barbouth was the big money winner for the house followed by poker. Greek rummy was a slower game played usually by the older crowd at the PIT.

Source stated that ALBERT TOCCO came into the PIT at approximately 11:00 P.M. and stayed til around 3:00 A.M. (October 23, 1984) when the PIT closed its doors due to everyone leaving at that time. TOCCO was always a big tipper when he won at any game played. An Oak Lawn police officer known only as [] who also [] in Oak Lawn, came into the PIT around midnight and stayed til closing time. [] was a known gambler and had been to the big games (East Chicago, Indiana) on several occasions when source was there.

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Special Agent (SA) [redacted] met with a confidential source and he/she provided the following information in substance:

Source stated that [redacted] at the [redacted] (above the INDIANA RESTAURANT, Chicago Ave. and Indiana Blvd., East Chicago, Indiana), told [redacted] that they did not have to worry about the local [redacted] that in fact they were [redacted] the area for [redacted] of the business, and that they also had the [redacted]. The only people they had to worry about was the [redacted] however, even if they got wind of what was going on, [redacted] said they would be [redacted].

Source stated that on [redacted] after the last late morning gamblers [redacted] second-story gambling area, [redacted] the [redacted]. They took [redacted]. They then put a plastic cover over [redacted]. This way it looked as if the place was [redacted] or [redacted] what they were going to do to the place and [redacted] stated that the [redacted] was going to come look at the place and [redacted] didn't want anything [redacted] then asked where they were going [redacted] said they [redacted] because the [redacted] protected them and [redacted] didn't want to lose that form of security.

[redacted] be moving into the OLE ROBERT HALL BUILDING that [redacted] in East Chicago. [redacted] stated he didn't think so because he was thinking of [redacted] for the locals to have a place to go and spend their money. No further information was given to source reference the ROBERT HALL COFFEE HOUSE.

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by SA [redacted] /mes Date dictated 12/13/84

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Source stated that there was two or three regulars that came into [] gambling joint that had a lot of money. One was a [] known only as [] (Last Name Unknown - LNU). [] was a known dope dealer and made no bones about how he made his money. Everyone got along fine with him. He was a fine dresser and wore a lot of gold chains. There was [] name unknown, that had [] that also lost a lot of money through his betting. This guy was believed to be associated with the [] These two guys would think nothing of [] a night.

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Source stated that several persons coming in lately have been seen to have badges resembling a star attached to their billfolds.

Source stated that [] has been concerned about a [] that has been hanging around the [] [] lately. Some think the guy is a Federal Agent and are keeping an eye on the guy. Nothing has been said about confronting the guy. Some, names unknown, thought the guy was from the Lawrence and Western area of Chicago.

The [] was described as follows:

Height	6'1" - 6'3"
Weight	190 - 195 lbs.
Hair	Black curly
Eyes	Brown
Miscellaneous	Wears dark rimmed glasses; has tattoos on arms
Build	Muscular build, large frame

Source stated that [] (phonetic) has been after [] for him. [] has been staying in New Orleans due to poor health and has been trying to find someone to handle a few jobs for him. Source [] that [] did not want to get involved with []

Source stated that DON PRISCO, Mayor, South Chicago Heights, Illinois, has been [] reference getting the [] in the [] Source indicated that he [] in getting in on

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the [redacted] with PRISCO and ALBERT TOCCO but hasn't been able to [redacted] as of yet. However, source stated that [redacted] would take out an additional [redacted] (phonetic) or SAM SOTO if [redacted]
[redacted]

Source stated that ONE BLACK CLUB on 154th at Parkway in Harvey, Illinois has been going pretty good. They play barbouth only there and the house is making a mint for a small time club. Source further stated that [redacted] was making [redacted] on Fridays and Saturdays (average weekends) and around [redacted] during the week.

Source needed photographs of people to identify with persons coming into [redacted] gambling place for last names were very seldom used.

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On December 12, 1985, [] advised Special Agent (SA) [] as follows:

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Source advised that he had received an anonymous telephone call in regard to [] located at [] Chicago Heights, Illinois. The source stated that the caller indicated that the [] and is frequented by ALBERT TOCCO and a [] as well as other [] from the Chicago area. He further indicated that the operation is covered by a []

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[redacted]

Are you aware that Chicago Heights
has a Big Barboth Game. It been
in operation about 6 mo. the game cuts
anyware from [redacted] or
anyware from [redacted] the cut
for 6 mo. is got to be around [redacted]
It all goes to the (2 Als) Al Tocco &
Al Rosette. Plus Al Tocco has control
of all sport gambling and about 3
Ware houses in C.H. and most of Chop
shops. Mayor of S.C.H. hangs w/ A.T.
and has been kind Corrupted. A.T.
could almost be compare to Al Capone.
Barboth Game is on [redacted] and
about [redacted]